

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 7, 11-13 and 18-20 are now pending.

Claims 14, 21 and 22 have been canceled in the amendment submitted above.

Applicants submit that the rejections of Claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are believed to be obviated by the cancelation of that claim. Accordingly, withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) are addressed in the Appeal Brief submitted herewith.

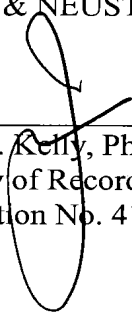
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